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**LICENSEE:** Tennessee Valley Authority

**FACILITY:** Browns Ferry Unit 1

**SUBJECT:** MEETING SUMMARY - INTERNAL MEETING OF THE BROWNS FERRY  
UNIT 1 RESTART PANEL - DOCKET NO. 50-259

On March 23, 2006, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) held a meeting of the NRC Browns Ferry 1 (BF1) Restart Oversight Panel in the NRC Region II Office located in Atlanta, Georgia. The panel was established in accordance with NRC Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 2509, "Browns Ferry Unit 1 Restart Project Inspection Program." The purpose of IMC 2509 is to provide the policies and requirements for the restart inspection program, the BF1 Restart Oversight Panel, and the documentation of the major regulatory and license actions associated with the restart. In addition, the IMC provides guidance for assessing the licensee's readiness for restart and the return of the unit to the Reactor Oversight Process (ROP). The Restart Panel was established via a charter issued on October 13, 2005.

During this meeting, the panel discussed the BF1 restart project status, reviewed the inspections and closeout criteria for one of the TVA Special Programs, and discussed the action items identified from the previous panel discussion conducted on January 18, 2006. Other discussion topics during this internal NRC meeting included: plans for the next public meeting with TVA; recent NRC inspection activities and inspection plans for the next 18-month inspection cycle; review of Restart Item Checklist closeout progress; key licensing issues; and recent challenges important to NRC oversight and inspections.

The panel members specifically discussed coordination with the NRC's ongoing License Renewal (LR) effort for BF1, the status of fire protection issues for Unit 1, the planned level of NRC oversight to be provided for the significant amount of BF1 system restorations scheduled throughout CY2006, and some specific items from the Restart Item Checklist that have been fully inspected but may require licensing action for final closure. The panel members also discussed expectations and plans for the next public meeting with TVA.

The enclosure contains a list of the Panel Members participating in the meeting and other NRC attendees.

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These periodic meetings of the BF1 Panel will continue routinely throughout the recovery process. Documents associated with the NRC oversight of the BF1 Recovery can be found at on the NRC's website at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/bf1-recovery.html> .

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: List of Attendees

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**NRC Browns Ferry Unit 1 Restart Oversight Panel Meeting (3/23/06)**

## **Nuclear Regulatory Commission Panel Members**

### **Region II**

J. Shea, Deputy Director, Division of Reactor Projects (DRP) - *Chairman*  
M. Widmann, Chief, Branch 6, DRP - *Member*  
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W. Bearden, Senior Resident Inspector, Branch 6, DRP - *Member*

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E. Hackett, Deputy Director, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing (DORL), NRR - *Vice Chairman*  
M. Chernoff, Browns Ferry Unit 1 Project Manager, DORL, NRR - *Member*  
M. Marshall, Branch Chief, DORL, NRR - *Member*

### **Other Attendees**

J. Lenahan, Senior Reactor Inspector, Engineering Branch 3, DRS  
S. Cahill, Chief, DRP  
C. Payne, Chief, Engineering Branch 2, DRS  
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